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Many Groups in Manitoba Election

OLIVER-ELLIOTT LIBEL SUIT IS CONCLUDING THIS AFTERNOON AT VICTORIA

R. T. Elliott was to Receive \$60,000 on Dolly Varden Deal

Questioned in Witness Box, he said he was out to Benefit His Own Pocket, not initiating a reform movement

VICTORIA, June 30.—This morning the court room was thronged when counsel, M. B. Jackson, for Premier Oliver and H. A. McLean for R. T. Elliott, addressed the jury in the libel suit brought by the Premier against the lawyer for the Dolly Varden Company. At the time of wiring the judge is summing up and a verdict is expected this afternoon. The evidence was all in yesterday afternoon before the court adjourned.

In his address to the jury, Elliott, replied Elliott. Yesterday Mr. McLean, acting for R. T. Elliott, reading from the examination for discovery of the Premier, said the Premier declared he had taken an option to buy three sections of land from Mr. Wallace at \$5 an acre and later had turned it over to the Land Settlement Board as good for soldiers for stock raising. This was in 1917 and had never gone beyond an option.

Continuing to read, McLean said the Premier declared he took an option as he thought the land was a good buy, but thinking it over decided not to get mixed up in speculation.

Elliott Evidence
R. T. Elliott, defendant, called to the witness stand to give evidence in his own defence, testified regarding the telegram he sent. "Everything I said is absolutely, definitely true," he declared. "I first heard the land story in conversation with Pelley Keith in the lobby of the Vancouver Hotel."

Later Elliott said that he and Cromie went to Chicago to meet the former owners of the Dolly Varden. He and Cromie were associated in enterprises. If he succeeded in the Dolly Varden actions Mr. Cromie would directly benefit.

Mr. Elliott further said that he considered the Dolly Varden confiscatory legislation was passed by a corrupt body of men.

Elliott's Commission
At the afternoon session yesterday R. T. Elliott in the witness box, concluding his evidence for the defence, said that under the Chicago arrangement with the former Dolly Varden owners he was to get a ten per cent commission. His explanation of this was that when the Taylor people paid up the outstanding balance of \$613,000 and the Chicago people withdrew their demand for disallowance of the legislation at Ottawa, Elliott's commission was to be \$60,000.

Cross-examined, Elliott admitted that he was out to benefit his own pocket. He was "not initiating a reform movement." Witness understood the meaning of the word graft and was charging Oliver with a breach of his oath of office in dealing in crown lands.

"Would it be proper for Mr. Oliver to induce his sons to go on to provincial lands to farm?" asked Mr. Jackson, counsel for Elliott.

"Safer than going to war that

BURGLARIES ARE ON INCREASE IN ENGLAND

Insurance Companies are Hard Hit from Increase in Crime

Burglary insurance companies are very hard hit at the present time. The whole of burglary underwriting in respect of commercial premises, private dwelling houses and personal property is in a difficult position, as the number of robberies of all kinds is the greatest ever known and the amount of the claims unprecedented.

The thieves confine themselves to appropriating articles like silk dresses and men's suits—which now have a considerable value, owing to high prices—furs, jewelry of all kinds, and silver. The lack of domestic servants has had a most injurious effect on the position of the insurance companies, as the flat-breaker always waits until the occupants are absent. It is very difficult to know how to cope with this increase in crime, but flat-dwellers would do well to put a notice deadlock on their doors, particularly where there are glass panels. The door is locked from the outside, and the flat-breaker who cuts away the glass finds no handle to turn on the inside. Of course, given the time and the patience, a really smart burglar can deal with any lock. The only thing that the householder can do is to put as many difficulties in his way as possible.

Out One Dollar
Continuing, Premier Oliver reviewed the Dolly Varden affairs, the introduction of the legislation and the receipt of the telegrams, again emphatically denying that he had ever made a cent out of land on option in 1917 but he was out a dollar searching the title. When his son refused to go farming the \$7,000 City of Victoria bonds which he had cashed, had been reinvested in securities. He warmly denied that he had sent for Pelley Keith for the purpose of discussing in private a land purchase.

W. Savage, barrister, corroborated the Premier's evidence regarding the proposed land deal. This ended the evidence. The court adjourned until today to hear the counsels' addresses and the verdict of the judge.

VICTORIA, June 30.—(Later)
The Elliott libel case went to the jury this afternoon at 1:22.

SHRINERS CONCERT ON "PRINCE RUPERT"

On this trip north a very pleasant concert was held on board the Prince Rupert under the auspices of the Shriners. Amongst the artists contributing to the program were the Misses Edith and Helena Craike who are travelling to Montreal and New York and back to Vancouver. Another sister, May, and their mother, Mrs. Craike, are also making the trip. Upon arrival here the Shriners arranged to have the ladies' accommodation changed to travel on the special train.

The three sisters are all prominent singers in St. John's Presbyterian Church in Vancouver. Accompanying the Misses Craike is Miss May MacKenzie, who was met at the steamer by her cousin, Mrs. Jack of this city. The visitors were delighted with the trip north and during the short stay took the opportunity of seeing Prince Rupert.

Launch Alice B. Phone Blue 548.

KING'S DAUGHTER INSPECTING BOY SCOUTS.



Princess Mary in centre, daughter of King George of England, who, after paying a visit to the day nursery in Garratt lane, Wadsworth, reviews youth on parade in the square

BEEF PRICES DROP ON THE PRAIRIES

Frozen Meat From the States is Coming in.

EDMONTON, June 30.—Cattle prices are down from \$1 to \$2 per cwt., and this is to some extent due to the fact that frozen beef is being brought in from the states to compete with local packers. There is, however, very little good beef coming in to the yards, so it is difficult to state definitely what good grain-fed beef would bring if it were offered. The packers are not at all anxious for this soft grass-fed stuff that is being offered now, and there are very few buyers of stockers and feeders. The coast market has been cut off also by the American beef being brought in in competition and it is apparent that Canadian prices will have to come down to the United States levels.

There are several loads of cattle that were taken from the drouth areas east and south of here, to points on the Dunvegan lines, being returned now. There are also some horses, shipped north last fall for feeding, being returned now. All prices at the present time are showing a depressed prospect.

B. G. Harlow of the G. T. P. engineering department was a passenger for up river by the train today.

McAdoo Not Candidate at Democratic Convention

"Moist" Plank has been Placed on Platform of Party it was Announced This Morning; Bryan Influence on the Wane

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30.—It is definitely decided here that McAdoo will not be the candidate to lead the Democrats at the forthcoming election.

This morning the platform builders have been busy and a "moist" plank has been allowed, but not until after a strenuous fight on the part of the "drys." The leaving of Bryan off the committee presages some such action as this.

The convention was this afternoon declared open for nominations and the following names were put up: Senator Owen of Oklahoma. Ambassador Gerard. Homer Cummings, chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Norris Government Has a Minority in Manitoba Province

Labor elects Eight Members and probably more in Winnipeg City; Government Supporters this morning numbered 18

WINNIPEG, June 30.—In the Manitoba elections held yesterday, the province seemingly adopted a group system of government, as they defeated the Norris Government in the sense that it cannot command a majority over all other groups.

This morning the results showed the following results:—Government supporters, 18; Conservative, 6; Farmers, 8; Labor, 8; Independent, 5; Deferred, 2. These with the eight Winnipeg seats make up the Legislature of 55.

It is generally expected that in Winnipeg F. J. Dixon will head the poll by a huge majority and that Attorney-General Johnson will be elected. Beyond that the Winnipeg returns are uncertain. In the city the proportional representation form of election is being adopted and that delays the returns.

The Free Press, commenting on the results, says: "The growth of the labor movement is the feature of the election. The Government should continue its policy fearlessly. There is doubt if labor could get the support of the farmers and independents. Thus labor will become the official opposition in the House."

WINNIPEG, June 30.—(1 p. m.)—Unofficial returns in the first choice count of the Winnipeg votes give P. R. Dixon leading all other. Other Socialists well up are Armstrong, Ivens, Russell, Queen, and Pritchard.

The Government first choice men are Johnson, Cameron, Stove and Mrs. Rogers.

Conservatives are Haig, Tupper, Christie. The independents are swamped.

KILLED IN COLLISION

SEATTLE, June 30.—James Sadley, 45 years of age, and Chas. Ball were killed in a train collision. They were riding on a train.

There will be a baseball game tonight at the Aeropolis grounds between the New Metlakatla team and Prince Rupert. The northern visitors arrived yesterday morning but the grounds were not in good playing condition.

Jas. Gullins, editor of the Portland Canal News, arrived back from Vancouver by the Prince Rupert this morning and will leave for Stewart on Saturday.

BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL

Pacific International.
Tacoma 11, Victoria 1.
Yakima 9, Spokane 2.
Vancouver 5, Seattle 2.

American League.
Cleveland 9, St. Louis 6.
Cleveland 5, St. Louis 4.
Boston 3, New York 6.
Chicago 8, Detroit 7.

National League.
New York 7, Philadelphia 1.
St. Louis 1, Cincinnati 5.
Pittsburg 4, Chicago 3.
Brooklyn 1, Boston 8.

Chief Justice Hunter went up to Port Essington this afternoon for a pleasure excursion with a small party of friends.

MAYOR OPENS JAZZ CARNIVAL

Daughters of the Empire Prepare Unique Entertainment for Everyone Tomorrow and Friday.

The I. O. D. E. Jazz Carnival at the Exhibition Building tomorrow and Friday promises to be a great event. It will be opened by the mayor at 1:30 and everyone will be curious to see what are the stunts that are advertised.

The affair is unique and no one seems to know exactly what are the attractions, except that many of them are entirely new to Prince Rupert.

In the evening there will be dancing and a vaudeville show and all sorts of other side shows, just the thing for a holiday crowd, especially if it should be damp. There is plenty of room in the big building for everyone.

NO INQUIRY INTO MURDOCK CHARGES

Immediate Raise in Indemnities Voted by Commons.

OTTAWA, June 30.—The House of Commons voted yesterday for an immediate raise in the parliamentary indemnities.

The Government announced that there would be no inquiry into the Murdock charges, made after James Murdock had resigned from the Board of Commerce. It is claimed by the administration that the evidence is insufficient and intangible.

MYSTIC SHRINERS VISIT THE CITY

About ninety members of the order of Mystic Shriners arrived from the south on the Prince Rupert this morning. Many branches of the order were represented in the gaily dressed party. One tall man of the tribe of Moslem had the line "Trade you smiles" on the side of his cap and from his genial countenance one would not have found it difficult to make the exchange. A lady of the party was carrying home a big souvenir from the decorations at Portland on which was inscribed the figures of the order and the words "Welcome to Portland." They left on a special train this afternoon.

COMMITTEES FOR NEXT FALL FAIR

Committees for the exhibition celebration have been appointed and the members of these committees will have complete charge of the department under them, it is announced.

Football—E. Tabrum.
Baseball—Clementson.
Carnival—Venables, Alvazoff, Self and Embleton.

For advertising purposes it is announced that the carnival committee will be known as the Great Northwest Carnival Co.

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